## **HOUSE BILL 2217**

## By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to respirators within certain vehicles.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) Owners, other than owner-operators, of freight motor vehicles that are operated for commercial purposes and used in the transportation of hazardous materials must have at least one (1) respirator placed within the vehicles.
- (b) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (c) As used in this section, "hazardous materials" has the same meaning as defined in § 55-50-102.
- SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.